

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the applications:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A plug connector comprising a plug connector body to be fitted to a counterpart connector in a first direction, a shell covering at least one surface of said plug connector body, and a hood covering said plug connector body along with said shell while exposing one end side thereof in said first direction;

said plug connector body comprising a plurality of contacts arrayed in a second direction ~~being a contact pitch direction of the connector and~~ crossing said first direction, and an insulator fixedly retaining said contacts, each of said contacts comprising a contact portion to be connected to the counterpart connector, a retention portion retained by said insulator, and a terminal portion to be connected with a cable or a lead wire;

said terminal portion comprising a connecting portion to which said cable or lead wire is soldered, and is projected from said insulator in ~~an axial direction of the contact~~ said first direction, said connecting portion being formed obliquely in said ~~contact pitch~~ second direction; wherein said retention portion is press-fitted into said insulator to be fixedly retained thereby, such that a thickness direction of said contact agrees with said second direction, and a width direction of said contact agrees with a height direction being a third direction crossing said first and second directions.

Claim 2. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The plug connector according to claim 1, wherein said connecting portions are ~~formed zigzag~~ staggered alternately in said ~~contact pitch~~ second direction.

Claim 3. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The plug connector according to claim 1, wherein each of said connecting portions ~~are~~ is oriented in the same direction and is inclined at substantially 45° relative to said ~~contact pitch~~ second direction.

Claim 4. (Canceled)

Claim 5. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The plug connector according to claim ~~[[4]]~~ 1, wherein the mutually adjacent contacts are formed such that a distance between said connecting portions is ~~longer~~ greater than an interval between said connecting portions in said third direction, and ~~shorter~~ less than a length of said contact in the height direction.

Claim 6. (Currently Amended) ~~An electrical connector for a~~ A portable personal digital assistant comprising said first counterpart connector according to claim 1, wherein said first counterpart connector receives an interface comprising said ~~the~~ plug connector according to claim 1 ~~is used for connecting the portable personal digital assistant.~~

Claim 7. (Currently Amended) An electrical connector member comprising a plurality

of contacts arrayed in ~~a contact pitch direction being~~ a second direction crossing a first direction being a fitting direction, and an insulator fixedly retaining said contacts;

each of said contacts comprising a contact portion to be connected to ~~the~~ a counterpart connector, a retention portion retained by said insulator, and a terminal portion to be connected with a cable or a lead wire;

said terminal portion comprising a connecting portion to which said cable or lead wire is soldered, and is projected from said insulator in ~~an axial direction of the contact~~ said first direction;

said connecting portion being formed obliquely in said ~~contact pitch~~ second direction; wherein said retention portion is press-fitted into said insulator to be fixedly retained thereby, such that a thickness direction of said contact agrees with said second direction, and a width direction of said contact agrees with a height direction being a third direction crossing to said first and second directions.

Claim 8. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The connector member according to claim 7, wherein said connecting portions are ~~formed zigzag~~ staggered alternately in said ~~contact pitch~~ second direction.

Claim 9. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The connector member according to claim 7, wherein each of said connecting portions ~~are~~ is oriented in the same direction and is inclined at substantially 45° relative to said second direction.

Claim 10. (Canceled)

Claim 11. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The connector member according to claim [[10]] 7, wherein the mutually adjacent contacts are formed such that a distance between said connecting portions is ~~longer~~ greater than an interval between said connecting portions in said third direction, and ~~shorter~~ less than a length of said contact in the height direction.

Claim 12. (New) A portable personal digital assistant comprising said counterpart connector of claim 7, wherein said connector member receives an interface comprising said second connector member according to claim 7.

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached drawing sheet includes changes to **Figs. 3D, 5A, and 5D**. A first sheet, which includes **Figs. 3A-3E**, replaces the original sheet including **Figs. 3A-3E**. **Fig. 3D** is amended to renumber element 27 as element 38. A second sheet, which includes **Figs. 5A-5C and 7**, replaces the original sheet including **Figs. 5A-5D**. **Fig. 5A** is amended to renumber element 23 as element 83. **Fig. 5D** is renumbered as **Fig. 7** to distinguish it from **Figs. 5A-5C**.

Attachment: Two (2), Replacement Sheets
Two (2), Annotated Sheets Showing Changes

Request for Reconsideration:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 6, 2004, Applicant is amending the drawings and specification to correct certain informalities. Specifically, Applicant is amending **Fig. 3D** to renumber element 27 as element 38 and **Fig. 5A** to renumber element 23 as element 83. Further Applicant is relabeling **Fig. 5D** as **Fig. 7**. In view of the labeling of **Fig. 7**, Applicant is making corresponding amendments to the specification to replace references to **Fig. 5D** with references to **Fig. 7**. Specifically, Applicant is revising the Brief Description of Drawings to describe **Fig. 7** as depicting a receptacle connector. In addition, Applicant is amending the title to be more descriptive.

With respect to the claims, Applicant is amending claims 1 and 7 to remove certain informalities and to incorporate the limitations of claims 4 and 10, respectively. Applicant also is amending claims 5 and 11 to depend from claims 1 and 7, respectively. Further, Applicant is amending claims 6 and adding new claim 12, which claims describe portable personal digital assistants comprising the claimed invention according to claims 1 and 7, respectively. Appl'n, Paras. [0002] and [0052]; **Fig. 6**. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments to claims 1-3, 5-9, and 11 and of new claim 12. No new matter is added by these amendments, and the amendments are fully supported by the specification. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the above-captioned patent application in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.